set up a plant for bitumin Mix. A trial stretch of road has also been laid near Bangalore University.

Central Road Research Institute is evaluating the bituminous mix.

Bifurcated U.P. Forestry Project between Uttaranchal and U.P.

†1092. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1425, given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 2001, and state:

(a) what are the reasons for the 53:47 ratio of bifurcation of the World Bank assisted U.P. Forestry Project between Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh while 75 per cent of the total forest over of undivided Uttar Pradesh has gone to Uttaranchal; and

(b) by when this Division between Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal is likely to take place and the Centre's role therein?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The World Bank assisted Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project has been bifurcated in the ratio of 53:47 between Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh after taking into consideration expenditure already incurred under the project by undivided Uttar Pradesh and different management processes being implemented under the project in these States.

(b) the bifurcation agreement has been signed by the Central Government with the World Bank on 11th December, 2001, it has become effective since 4th February, 2002.

Sight of vultures going extinct in Rajasthan

†1093. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that herds of vultures, which are beaming extinct, have been cited in Bhilwara district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to save this bird from extinction, by giving complete protection to them?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.